

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 1785 – SB 2191**

February 29, 2016

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Safety (DOS) to pay \$85.00 a month, for medical care of a retired Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) canine, to the THP officer that was assigned to the canine, if the canine is given to the care and custody of the respective THP officer upon the canine's retirement from service. Requires the \$85.00 monthly payment be made from funds budgeted to DOS through the general appropriations act.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$5,100/Department of Safety**

Assumptions:

- It is assumed that all THP canines will ultimately be placed with their respective THP officer upon the canine's retirement from service.
- There are currently 38 active THP canines.
- Based on information provided by DOS, five retired THP canines are still living.
- It is reasonably assumed that an average of five retired THP canines will require the \$85 monthly payment at any given point in time.
- The recurring increase in state expenditures from DOS is estimated to be \$5,100 (5 retired THP canines x \$85 per month x 12 months).

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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